



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Wheeler et al.
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. 1.97 (b))

Dear Sir or Madam:

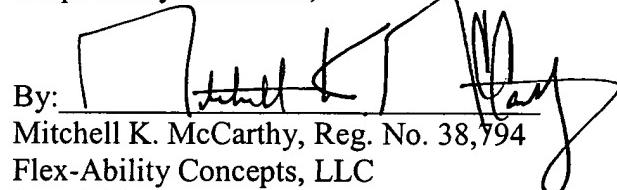
With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the Form PTO/SB/08A are brought to the attention of the Examiner. This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the Form PTO/SB/08A. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document listed on the Form PTO/SB/08A has been provided.

No representation is made that a reference is prior art within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not prior art.

Consideration of the items listed in Form PTO/SB/08A is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A, marked as being considered by the Examiner.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned if there is any question regarding this or any other matter in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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